

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.(currently amended): A system of binder spines comprising:

a first binder spine ;

a second binder spine ;

at least a third binder spine, each of said binder spines including a back panel, said back panel being generally rectangular, having a width and a length and bounded by generally opposed longitudinal edges and generally opposed lateral edges, a first of said longitudinal edges being joined through a first living hinge to a first side panel mounting edge of a first side panel and a second of said longitudinal edges being joined through a second living hinge to a second side panel mounting edge of a second side panel, each of said binder spines being foldable along said living hinges between an open generally flat configuration and a generally closed configuration, a plurality of post members located on said first side panel and a plurality of socket members located on said second side panel, said socket and post members including mating walls and being spaced apart in said open generally flat configuration by a distance, said mating walls being generally straight sided cylinders throughout their lengths, said socket and post members being positioned to retainingly interengage one another in said generally closed configuration to hold said binder spine in said generally closed configuration, said socket members being closed except for an opening at the top, each said opening being adapted to receiving ~~said post members~~ a said post member in a snap fit wherein said post and socket members are adapted to forming airtight seals with one another when interengaged, the back panel in said second binder spine being at least about one-tenth of an inch wider than the back panel in said first binder spine, and the back panel in said third binder spine being at least about one-tenth of an inch wider than the back panel in said second binder spine, said

distance between said socket members and post members being substantially the same in each of said first, second, and third binder spines.

2.(previously presented): A system of binder spines according to claim 1, wherein the back panel in said second binder spine being at least about one-eighth of an inch wider than the back panel in said first binder spine, and the back panel in said third binder spine being at least about one-eighth of an inch wider than the back panel in said second binder spine.

3.(original): A system of binder spines according to claim 1, wherein each of said binder spines includes at least three of said socket and post members.

4. (original): A system of binder spines according to claim 1, wherein each of said binder spines has a binder width in an open configuration, the width of said back panel being at least about 5 percent of said binder width.

5. (original): A system of binder spines according to claim 1, wherein each of said binder spines has a binder width in an open configuration, the width of said back panel being at least about 10 percent of said binder width.

6.(currently amended): A binder spine comprising:

a back panel, said back panel being generally rectangular, having a width and a length and bounded by generally opposed longitudinal edges and generally opposed lateral edges, a first of said longitudinal edges being joined through a first living hinge to a first panel mounting edge of a first side panel and a second of said longitudinal edges being joined through a second living hinge to a second side panel mounting edge of a second side panel, said binder spine being foldable along said living hinges between an open generally flat configuration and a generally closed configuration, at least one post member located on said first side panel and at least one socket member located on said second side panel, said socket and post members including mating walls and being spaced apart in said open generally flat configuration by a distance, said mating walls being generally straight sided cylinders throughout their lengths, said socket members being closed except for an opening at the top, said socket and post members being positioned to retainingly interengage one another in said generally closed configuration to hold said binder spine in said generally closed configuration, said openings ~~socket member~~ being adapted to receiving said post member in a snap fit wherein said post and socket members are adapted to forming airtight seals with one another when interengaged.

7. (original): A binder spine according to claim 6, wherein said binder spine includes at least three of said socket and post members.

8. (original): A binder spine according to claim 6, wherein each of said binder spines has a binder width in an open configuration, the width of said back panel being at least about 5 percent of said binder width.

9. (original): A binder spine according to claim 6, wherein each of said binder spines has a binder width in an open configuration, the width of said back panel being at least about 10 percent of said binder width.